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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN ANDEAN MANPOWER
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. THE DIRECTOR OF GOB'S NATIONAL SERVICE FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING (FOMO) FERNANDO GUMIEL, RECENTLY DISCUSSED WITH LABOR ATTACHE A TRAINING PROJECT TO STANDARDIZE CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONAL LEVELS FOR WORKERS WITHIN THE ANDEAN PACT.

2. ILO ADVISOR TO FOMO, MIKE GOLDWAY, AND GUMIEL HAVE DRAFTED A PROJECT FOR A FOUR-WEEK RESIDENTIAL COURSE FOR SENIOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING OFFICERS FROM MANPOWER AGENCIES OF THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES. THE PROGRAM WOULD BE HOSTED BY THE GOB AND ASSISTED BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE ILO. DRAWING ON ILO EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THE COURSE WOULD HELP ANDEAN NATIONS DEVELOP A COMMON SYSTEM OF CLASSIFYING OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AND THE REQUISITE TRAINING TO ACHIEVE STANDARD SKILL LEVELS. FOMO IS SEEKING FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM FROM THE USG OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$158,400). GOLDWAY TOLD LABOR ATTACHE THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PROJECT INFORMALLY WITH MR. AL CIANO OF US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

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3. COMMENT: WE ARE POUCHING COPY OF FIRST DRAFT OF PROJECT TO DEPARTMENT. THE MISSION REGARDS THE WORK OF FOMO INSIDE BOLIVIA AS QUITE IMPORTANT. FOMO'S DIRECTORS SEEM INTELLIGENT AND ENERGETIC. ILO ADVISOR GOLDWAY IS ALSO ACTIVE AND CAPABLE AND HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE COURSE WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE AND WELL RUN. THIS PROJECT ALSO EXEMPLIFIES THE KIND OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT THE ILO CAN PROVIDE AND WHICH THE USG HAS STRONGLY ENDORSED. IT IS OF COURSE USG POLICY TO ENCOURAGE REGIONAL INTEGRATION, AND THIS COURSE WOULD OFFER ANOTHER FORUM FOR REGIONAL EXCHANGES. HOWEVER, MISSION DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE FUNDS FOR ESTIMATED COSTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UPON STUDYING THE PROPOSAL, IS INTERESTED IN FUNDING PROJECT, WE WOULD INFORM FOMO THAT PLANNING COULD GO AHEAD. ALTERNATIVELY WASHINGTON MAY HAVE SUGGESTIONS REGARDING OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING. FOMO IS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO SUPPLY VIA MISSION FURTHER DETAILS OR REFINEMENTS OF ESTIMATED COSTS. STEDMAN

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